GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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TPDS IN RURAL AREAS
RAJO SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is social accounting of the Targeted Public Distribution System by gram Panchayats/gram Sabhas in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details of the social accounting being done by gram panchayats during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SH KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): Government of India has advised all the State Governments/UTs tosubstantially involve the Gram Panchayats/Gram Sabhas in rural areas and local bodies in urban areas for the supervision and the monitoring of the Public Distribution System, especially at the fair price shop level, as a measure of social audit. Almost all the States/ UTs including Bihar are implementing the guidelines for involvement of Panchayati Raj institution in the Public Distribution System.